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# JACK DOYLE

## MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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### COUNTY DOCUMENTS PLANT SPECIES IN HIGHLAND AND DURAND EASTMAN PARKS

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today submitted for approval a grant to purchase a Botanical Garden Database System that will provide a standardized record keeping resource of all of the plant holdings within Highland Park and Durand-Eastman Park.

"This data base system is an industry standard and will provide an up-to-date curation tool for our historically significant plant collections," said Doyle. "These records date back to 1888 when the Highland Park arboretum was opened. The first phase will include capturing this historic data. A second phase will provide an electronic educational resource for staff, visitors and the general public."

The completed system will document by common name, botanical name and location all of the plant species in the park. In addition, each plant will have listed information on cultural requirements, hardiness, geographical range and a plethora of individual plant related facts. In the second phase of this project the public will have access to this information from a park located kiosk and potentially from the World Wide Web.

The \$43,268 state grant, valid April 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001, is provided by the Natural Heritage Trust Program for Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums. The funds will be used to purchase the hardware and software necessary to implement this project. Once the system is installed, it will take approximately two years to enter the information.

The Monroe County Legislature will vote to approve this grant at the February 13, 2001 meeting.

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